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For: OPTICAL FIBER SPLICING)	
INSTRUMENT WITH SHUTTER)	

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
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Sir:

Prior to consideration of the above-referenced patent application on the merits,
please amend the above-captioned patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of
this paper.

Amendments to the Abstract begin on page 5 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.